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## Public Invited to a Virtual "Idea Workshop" for CDBG Funding Available for District 8

Federal Funding Available to Improve District 8 Low-Income Neighborhoods

EL PASO, Texas— The Department of Community and Human Development along with District #8 invites the public to the Virtual "Idea Workshop" to learn about the Community Development Block (CDBG) funding available to improve low-income neighborhoods.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to propose projects to be considered for CDBG funding as well as provide input on how the department can improve their neighborhood. City staff will be on hand to listen to the public's input/suggestions and answer any questions regarding CDBG. Information on the CDBG process and funding opportunities will be shared.

The City has set-aside \$1,000,000 for the 47th CDBG Year funds for small-scale public facilities improvements with approximately \$500,000 of these dollars being allocated to District \$8. CDBG funds can be used for improvements to recreation centers, senior centers, libraries and other neighborhood facilities; park enhancements; walkability and accessibility improvements; and small-scale green infrastructure.

## <u>District 8 - Virtual "Idea Workshop"</u> Wednesday, September 9, 2020 | 5:30pm 2 ways to join the meeting

- Meeting Link: https://meet.jit.si/CDBG-District8-Meeting
- Dial-in: +1.512.647.1431 PIN: 3068 2093 06#

To gather citizen input, residents are encouraged to fill out the Citizen Request Form (CRF) recommending public facility improvements needed in District #8. The CRF is available at Community and Human Development website, or can be picked up at the City's One Stop Shop located at 811 Texas Ave. El Paso, Texas 79901.

Deadline to submit a proposed project is 5:00 p.m., October 2nd, 2021. Projects must be located in a CDBG eligible area. For more information, contact the Community and Human Development Department at CDBGFacilities@elpasotexas.gov.

CDBG's main purpose is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income residents. CDBG funds have such a positive impact in El Paso's neighborhoods not only with improvements, but by building a sense of community pride.

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